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TAGS: ETRD MTN GATT

SUBJ: SECRETARIAT REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO UP-DATE GATT TARIFF
STUDY

REF: MTN GENEVA 2026

1. US DEL (MALISH) RELAYED YOUR QUERY TO GATT
SECRETARIAT (TILL AS TO WHETHER GATT SECRETARIAT HAD
ANY INTENTION TO UP-DATE TABLE G TRADE FLOWS SUBJECT
TO MFN AND PREFERENTIAL RATES OF DUTY AS FOUND IN THE GATTS
ANNUAL PUBLICATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE (1971) THIS TABLE HAD
INITIALLY BEEN PREPARED AT US REQUEST.

2. TILL REPLIED THAT THE TABLE G WAS NOT EASILY PREPARED,
AND THAT THE SECRETARIAT HAD A DIFFICULT TIME OBTAINING
THE DATA. LATER CONVERSATION WITH OBEZ OF TILL'S OFFICE
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REVEALED THAT THE DATA WAS OBTAINED BY QUESTIONNAIRE FROM

32 CONTRACTING PARTIES. TILL INDICATED THAT GATT SECRETARIAT WOULD NOT UNDERTAKE AN UP-DATING WITHOUT A CLEAR DIRECTION TO DO SO.

3. OBEZ, IN TURN, DIRECTED A SERIES OF QUESTIONS TO US RELATING TO UP-DATING OF GATT TARIFF STUDY--SOME OF THESE ARE INCLUDED IN REFTEL. THE GIST OF HIS QUESTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION RELAYED FROM BILL HART ON JULY 4, 1974, THE SECRETARIAT MADE ESTIMATED ALLOCATIONS OF CANADIAN APTA BASKET ITEMS TO NON-APTA TSUSA ITEMS FOR THE PERIOD 1970-72. OBEZ ASKS, "ARE THESE ESTIMATED ALLOCATIONS STILL VALID FOR 1973 AND 1974?"

(B) TO SHOW THE INCIDENCE DUTIES ON TSUS ITEMS SUBJECT TO ASP VALUATION, THE SECRETARIAT MAKES ADJUSTMENTS TO SHOW AVES ON THE BASIS OF "INVOICE VALUE" RATHER THAN "NET VALUE". FOR CERTAIN TSUS ITEMS (E.G., TSUS 403.60) IN 1973, HOWEVER, THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NET VALUE AND INVOICE VALUE ARE SO GREAT AS TO RAISE QUESTIONS AS TO HOW DATA SHOULD BE PRESENTED. FOR EXAMPLE, IF ADJUSTMENTS MADE TO TOTAL IMPORTS IN SOME TSUS ITEMS WERE THEN ALLOCATED BY PERCENTAGE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, CERTAIN COUNTRIES WOULD SHOW SUCH LOW TRADE FIGURES AS TO BE GROUPED IN "ALL OTHER". DO WE KNOW OF ANY REASON WHY PREVIOUS METHODS OF ALLOCATION ARE UNACCEPTABLE FOR 1973?

(C) OBEZ IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER IMPORTS FROM CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIET NAM SHOULD APPEAR AS MFN OR AS COLUMN 2 IMPORTS IN 1973 AND 1974 UP-DATE OF TARIFF STUDY.

(D) GATT SECRETARIAT NORMALLY RECEIVED TWO COPIES OF FT 246, ANNUAL, US IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION. OBEZ NOTES THAT THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED THAT PUBLICATION FOR 1974 AS YET, AND WONDERS IF IT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED.

4. ACTION REQUESTED:
WE WOULD APPRECIATE USITC PROVIDING ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS TO US FOR TRANSMITTAL TO GATT SECRETARIAT.
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